

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-29 and 31-46 are pending in the application prior to entry of this amendment. Claims 14, 15 and 17-24 have been allowed, Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 25-29, 31, 32, 37-39 and 43-45 stand rejected, and Claims 10-13, 33-36, 40-42 and 46 have been objected to as depending from a rejected base claim but being allowable if written in independent form to include all limitations of the rejected base Claim and any intervening Claim. By amendment herewith, Claims 1, 10, 12, 25, 33, 34, 37 and 40 are changed and Claims 6, 13, 35 and 42 are cancelled.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the content of Claims 6 and 13, which previously depended from Claim 1. The Examiner indicated that Claim 13 would be allowable if presented in independent form. Therefore, Claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Independent Claim 25 has been amended to include the content of Claim 35, which previously depended from Independent Claim 25. The Examiner indicated that Claim 35 would be allowable if presented in independent form. Therefore, Claim 25 and all claims depending therefrom are allowable.

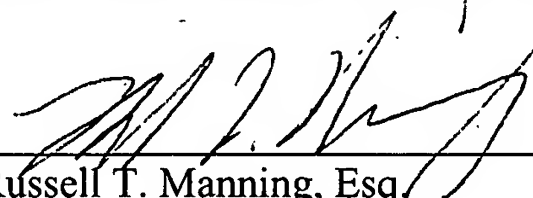
Independent Claim 37 has been amended to include the content of Claim 42, which previously depended from Claim 37. The Examiner indicated that Claim 42 would be allowable if presented in independent form. Therefore, Claim 37 and all claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims now are in condition for allowance and such a disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation

would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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